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August 1, Cattle on Feed

August 19, 2005 - Iowa: There were 745,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on August 1, 2005, down 7 percent from July 1, 2005 and down 11 percent from August 1, 2004. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 400,000 head on feed, down 4 percent from last month, but up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 345,000 head on feed, down 12 percent and 25 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Placements during July totaled 66,000 head, this is down 1 percent and 15 percent from last month and last year, respectivley. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 49,000 head, unchanged from last month, but down 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 17,000 head. This is a decrease of 6 percent and 35 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for July were 121,000 head, down 8 percent and 9 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 63,000 head, down 7 percent from last month, but up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 58,000 head, down 9 percent and 21 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Other

disappearance totaled 5,000 head.

United States: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.1 million head on August 1, 2005. The inventory was 2 percent above August 1, 2004 and 5 percent above August 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.68 million, 2 percent below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. This is the lowest placements for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.62 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 338,000, 700-799 pounds were 465,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 475,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.92 million, slightly below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during July, 3 percent above 2004 but unchanged from 2003.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	
Cattle on Feed, July 1, 2005	415	390	805	
July Placements	49	17	66	
July Marketings	63	58	121	
July Other Disappearance	1	4	5	
Cattle on Feed, August 1, 2005	400	345	745	

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots $^{\,1}$

State	Cattle on Feed August 1			Placements during July		Marketings during July		July Disappearance other than Slaughter ²				
	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent
AZ	294	313	106	32	29	91	31	37	119	2	1	50
CA	520	530	102	65	72	111	60	59	98	5	3	60
CO	880	820	93	145	125	86	200	200	100	5	5	100
ID	235	250	106	43	36	84	47	45	96	1	1	100
IA	380	400	105	52	49	94	60	63	105	2	1	50
KS	2,120	2,190	103	520	480	92	475	470	99	15	20	133
NE	1,750	1,730	99	310	325	105	405	405	100	5	10	200
NM	127	134	106	22	23	105	17	18	106	2	3	150
OK	315	320	102	61	62	102	59	61	103	2	1	50
SD	157	143	91	12	15	125	26	30	115	2	3	150
TX	2,670	2,890	108	395	400	101	470	450	96	15	10	67
WA	165	137	83	33	26	79	32	30	94	1	1	100
Oth Sts	255	235	92	29	36	124	43	50	116	1	1	100
US	9,868	10,092	102	1,719	1,678	98	1,925	1,918	100	58	60	103

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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